

REMARKSClaim Status

Claims 1-16 were originally pending in the application. Claim 14 has been withdrawn from consideration. New claim 17 has been added. Claim 13 has been amended. Claims 1-13 and 15-17 are now pending in the application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Discussion of Claim Amendments

In a telephone conversation on April 18, 2006, Applicant and the Examiner discussed an election requirement, in which Applicant was required to elect between species illustrated in Figs. 8 and 9, corresponding to claim 13 (which recites that the first cuff stands taller than the second cuff) and claim 14 (which recites that the second cuff stands taller than the first cuff).

In response, Applicant has elected to prosecute claim 13, and has withdrawn claim 14 from consideration without prejudice.

Applicant has further added new claim 17, which recites that one of the cuffs is taller than the other. Applicant has further amended claim 13 to depend from claim 17.

The response to the election requirement is made with traverse, as claim 17 is generic to claims 13 and 14 (and hence both the Fig. 8 and Fig. 9 embodiments). Applicant submits that allowance of claim 17 will provide a sufficient basis to reinstate and allow claim 14. Furthermore, Applicant asserts that to search claim 14 is not unduly onerous given that claim 17 requires a search to find one cuff that stands taller than the other, regardless of whether it is the first cuff that is taller (claim 13) or the second cuff that is taller (claim 14).

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that claim 14 be reinstated into the application.

Conclusion

Entry of the claim amendments is respectfully requested, and early and favorable action on all claims is therefore respectfully requested. No fees are believed to be due for

the filing of this communication. If any fees are deemed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

Respectfully submitted,  
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